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## Kappa Delta Phi Purse Auction planned

The Kappa Delta Phi Purse Auction has been planned for Wednesday, April 27 at Zion Lutheran Church, 173 Hale Drive. Registration and purse preview will be at 6 p.m., and the auction will start at 6:30 p.m. There will be "over 60 purses filled with surprises." For more information, call 260-571-9391.

## Wabash County nonprofits eligible for free Nonprofit Marketing Course

Wabash County nonprofit organizations are invited to attend a free, one-of-a-kind nonprofit marketing workshop with regional leaders in the nonprofit sector. The event will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 27 at Grow Wabash County, 214 S. Wabash St. or via Zoom at <https://tinyurl.com/v5f4puz7>. Topics include donor relations, marketing plans, content strategy and overall marketing goals for nonprofit organizations. Complimentary local coffee and pastries will be provided for guests.

## City plans annual spring clean-up

The Wabash spring clean-up will last through Friday, April 30. All items should be curbside on the day of the weekly trash route. Trash piles should be no larger than 4 feet by 8 feet. For residents not wanting to place items on the curbside, a Dumpster will be available from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Friday, April 30, and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 1 at the Wabash County Solid Waste Management District (WCSWMD), 1101 Manchester Ave. Proof of city residence will be required. The Street Department

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# Truck driver crashes into NMPD, WCSD vehicles during a traffic stop

Troy Stuart Zartman was transported to Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne with minor injuries

By ROB BURGESS  
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

A truck driver may face charges after crashing into a pair of local police vehicles conducting a traffic stop this weekend.

North Manchester Police

Department (NMPD) officer Kody Cook conducted a vehicle stop at around 3:06 a.m. Sunday, April 24 on Indiana 13 south of North Manchester, said NMPD Chief Jim Kirk, on Tuesday.

Kirk said during the stop, Cook detained the three occupants outside the vehicle and requested assistance from the Wabash County Sheriff's Department (WCSD). At that time, WCSD Sgt. Eric Riggs was traveling on Indiana 13 in response to the request for

backup.

"Sgt. Riggs noticed a truck slightly weaving in his lane when he passed it," said Kirk. Kirk said Riggs arrived at the vehicle stop at around 3:18 a.m. and mentioned it to Cook.

"They saw the truck heading toward them off the shoulder of the road," said Kirk. "They had the three people from the vehicle stop and moved them to a safe distance from the vehicle when the truck collided with

the two fully-marked police vehicles with emergency lights flashing."

The driver, Troy Stuart Zartman, was transported to Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne with minor injuries.

"It doesn't appear the driver ever put his brakes on," said Kirk.

Kirk said the Indiana State Police (ISP) are investigating the traffic accident and "potential charges on the driver of the truck."

According to court re-

cords, Zartman had not been charged in the accident as of Tuesday morning.

"A great job by the officers recognizing the potential danger that was approaching them," said Kirk.

No further information was available as of press time. This story will be updated as more information becomes available.

Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at [rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com](mailto:rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com).

# Braun talks issues in Wabash



Photo by Rob Burgess / Plain Dealer

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## Senator holds 'Community Business Roundtable' on Friday at Grow Wabash County

By ROB BURGESS  
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

On Friday afternoon, Sen. Mike Braun, R-Indiana, visited Wabash for a "Community Business Roundtable" at Grow Wabash County.

This was Braun's last stop on his nearly 30-county road trip during the past two weeks on his annual "92 County Tour," before heading back home to Jasper. Congress was on a state work period from April 11 to 22.

"We try to put that word out and there's no restriction on who can show on most of these county visits," said Braun.

Braun said during these congressional recesses he invites constituents to his office in Jasper.

"I'm going to be as acces-

sible as any senator could possibly be. I invite Hoosiers to visit me in my hometown on Fridays," said Braun. "A lot do individually or in small groups."

Among the invited guests at Friday's event were Chris Wetherford of PaperWorks Industries; Brian Howens-tine of Wabash Hardware and Rental; Wabash Mayor Scott Long; Kevin Willour of Beacon Credit Union; Amy Ford of Kentner Creek; Scott Beuhrer of B. Walter & Co.; Adam Penrod of the town of North Manchester; Amy K. Sivley of Wabash City Schools; Mark Ford of Ford Meter Box; Ryan Thorn-burgh of Precision Medical Technologies; Marilyn Custer-Mitchell and Deb Potempa of Parkview Wabash Hospital; and Nate Fancher

and Roger Cromer of Crossroads Bank, said communications director Zacharie Riddle.

"Workforce is the biggest thing I hear. It's a bigger problem now than pre-COVID," said Braun. "Rural broadband and affordable housing. And that's not to mention all the national issues from border to inflation to crime in the big cities, all that kind of stuff."

After the roundtable, Braun took the time to conduct an exclusive interview with the Plain Dealer covering several topics.

## A ban on members of Congress and their spouses owning or trading stocks?

Sen. Jon Ossoff, D-Geor-

gia, is sponsoring a bill that would require lawmakers and their spouses to sell off stocks or place such assets in a blind trust. A raft of similar bills have been introduced, some by lawmakers at opposite ends of the ideological spectrum. Senators are working on a compromise. And House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, whose husband is a prolific trader, is on board with the legislative push, though she has advocated a more targeted approach. Pelosi supports strengthening an existing law, the Stock Act, which requires lawmakers to disclose their stock sales and purchases. She has also called for extending stock trading disclosure requirements to members of the judiciary,

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# The public is invited to Manchester Student Research Symposium

The event is a showcase for undergraduate and graduate research across disciplines

By CHLOE LECKRONE

Manchester University's 24th annual Student Research Symposium will feature keynote speaker senior Madison Brown and her presentation, "Toward the

Synthesis of Potential Antiviral Carbocyclic Nucleosides."

Brown is a senior biology-chemistry major from Economy. Her research, alongside Kyle Watson, assistant professor of

chemistry, is focused on the beginning steps of creating a small library of potential antiviral drugs that could be used to treat the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

The symposium is from 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 28 in the Academic Center and Jo Young Switzer Center at the North



Provided photo

Madison Brown is a senior biology-chemistry major from Economy.

Manchester campus. The keynote presentation will

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# Community invited to 'Evening With The Mayor' event

The quarterly open house is set for Thursday at Wabash County Museum

By ROB BURGESS  
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Residents who have questions for Mayor Scott Long about several ongoing projects will have a chance to have their concerns addressed later this week.

Long has invited the community to his quarterly "Evening With The Mayor" event at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 29 at the Wabash County Museum, 36 E. Market St., said Long's assistant Bev Vanderpool.

Vanderpool said Long will cover many local issues, including the progress of the women's halfway house, Waypoint Wabash; the upcoming railroad overpass,

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# Burgess wins two SPJ awards

Plain Dealer Editor honored in Best Education Reporting, Personality Profile categories

## STAFF REPORT

The Indiana Professional Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ) announced the winners of their 2020 Best in Indiana Journalism Contest at a ceremony Friday.

Among those recognized was Wabash Plain Dealer Editor Rob Burgess, who won awards in two separate categories for publications with circulation below 30,000.

Burgess' second place Best Education Reporting entry included five stories. The first two were about

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# County students dominate regional INnovate WithIN pitch competition

Many of these entrepreneurs will compete at Eagles Theatre on May 4

STAFF REPORT

Innovation and the entrepreneurial spirit are thriving in Wabash County classrooms. The STARTedUP Foundation recently announced that all 10 spots in the regional round of the INnovate WithIN statewide business pitch competition were clinched by Wabash County student teams, according to project manager for marketing and events Chelsea Boulrisse.

The following student businesses represented Wabash County at the regional competition on Friday, April 22, at Purdue Fort Wayne:

- Curia – Maddison Hunter; Southwood Jr.-Sr. High School.
- Lockett – Joseph Bland, Grant Holloway; Jacob Marlow; Brayden Smith; Southwood Jr.-Sr. High School.
- Promise – Ashley Lyons; Northfield Jr.-Sr. High School.
- Just Breathe – Paulette Martin; Manchester Jr.-Sr. High School.
- SPROUT- Lacey Pierce, Kindra Stetzel; Manchester Jr.-Sr. High School.
- Old Timey Grips – Jared Richards; Southwood Jr.-Sr. High School.
- Eliza Grace – Annie Schuler; Heartland Career Center.
- Cardboard – Joshua Steely; Manchester Jr.-Sr. High School.
- CEC Services – Eli Edmond, Coltyn Sellers; Wabash High School.
- Easy Weights – Simon zur Nieden; Manchester Jr.-Sr. High School.

The top winners of the regional competition on April 22 will advance to the state pitch competition on Friday, June 10, at Butler University, where the students will have the chance to win up to \$25,000 in funding for their business and \$10,000 towards a 529 college savings account for each member of the winning team.

“We are so grateful for our many university partners who not only support the program

but provide financial resources for young people interested in pursuing further education,” said The STARTedUP Foundation CEO Don Wettrick. “The INnovate WithIN pitch competition is just the start of challenging students to explore new opportunities and think outside the box as they look to the future.”

Grow Wabash County has spearheaded many initiatives to promote innovation and entrepreneurship in the classroom through the development of the Wabash County High School Entrepreneurship Collaborative. In recent years, Grow Wabash County has provided funding and materials to every Wabash County high school to implement a streamlined entrepreneurship curriculum through the CO.STARTERS Gener-ity program and to launch northeast Indiana’s first chapter of the STARTedUP Club, a county-wide high entrepreneurship club that meets monthly.

“We are consistently astounded by the level of innovation and passion that we see from our student entrepreneurs in Wabash County,” said Grow Wabash County president and CEO Keith Gillenwater. “Grow Wabash County knows that these enterprising students will be a key to the future growth and success of Wabash County and we are committed to ensuring that our communities continue to support and foster these innovative ideas and businesses.”

Many of these Wabash County student entrepreneurs will also be taking center stage at the Eagles Theatre on Wednesday, May 4 for Grow Wabash County’s INnovate Wabash County student pitch competition. There, students will present their pitches to a panel of local business owners, mentors and professionals for the chance to win scholarships and cash prizes.

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### 5-Day Weather Summary

<b>Wednesday</b> Mostly Sunny 60 / 39	<b>Thursday</b> Mostly Cloudy 57 / 43	<b>Friday</b> Mostly Cloudy 62 / 47	<b>Saturday</b> Scattered T-storms 65 / 54	<b>Sunday</b> Few Showers 72 / 53

#### Sun and Moon

Today's sunset ..... 8:33 p.m.  
Tomorrow's sunrise ..... 6:47 a.m.

New 4/30	First 5/8	Full 5/16	Last 5/22

#### Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly sunny skies, high of 59°, humidity of 45%. West northwest wind 5 to 11 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight, overnight low of 39°. East northeast wind 6 to 10 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 36°. Thursday, skies will be mostly cloudy, high of 58°, humidity of 51%.

## BURGESS

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the local Literacy for Companionship program, which pairs emerging readers with dogs and cats in need of a home. The third was about Sharp Creek Elementary School teacher Amber Bretzman teaching 9/11 to her fifth-graders 20 years later, including the acoustic poems her students wrote as a part of the assignment and the Sept. 11, 2001 and Sept. 12, 2001 front pages of the Plain Dealer, which published with the assistance of Wabash Carnegie Public Library executive director Ware Wimberly. The fourth was about Sharp Creek Elementary School K-Club members showing appreciation to local veterans on Veterans Day. The fifth was about the results of the second year of Operation Reach Out.

Burgess' third place Best Personality Profile entry, "Much more than just the best bartender," was about 2021 Best of Wabash County winner Teizo Fox.

This is the third year in a row Burgess has been honored at the SPJ contest.

The Best in Indiana Journalism contest is Indiana's only open journalism contest. This was the 43rd year that journalists from around the state competed in dozens of print, broadcast and online categories. Entries were published during 2021 and were judged by members of the Arkansas Professional, Colorado Professional and Utah Headliners chapters. Both the 2019

and 2020 awards were announced online instead of being delivered in person. This year's ceremony was held at the 502 East Event Centre in Carmel.

Burgess has been Wabash Plain Dealer editor since June 2019 and has won a total of 10 awards during that time.

In June 2021, Burgess won awards in three separate categories in the 2020 SPJ contest. Burgess' second-place entry in the Personality Profile category was a story about local DivorceCare group leader Janet Quillen. Burgess' third-place entry in the Criminal Justice Reporting category included two stories about overcrowding in the Wabash County Jail, two stories about the murder of Nakota "Fergie" Kelly and a story about the opening of the baby box at Wabash Fire Station 1. Burgess' third-place entry in the Environmental Reporting category included a story about 120 years of history at John Hartsough's family farm in North Manchester; and stories about Teen Indiana Master Naturalists, Salamonie Preschool, a monarch butterfly Senior Luncheon presentation and women landowners, all meeting at Salamonie Lake. And in May 2020, Burgess also won third place for Arts and Entertainment Writing at the 2019 SPJ contest, which included five stories published in 2019. These stories included interviews with Amy Grant, David Crosby, Buck Trent of "Hee Haw," Richard Sterban of the Oak Ridge Boys and Patrick My-

ers of Killer Queen before their respective performances at the Honeywell Center.

In addition to the SPJ awards, in July 2021, Burgess was also honored in four separate categories at the Hoosier State Press Association (HSPA) 53rd annual Better Newspaper Contest for 2021 in Division 1, which includes non-dailies with a circulation of less than 1,500. Burgess' first-place entry in the Best Business or Economic News Coverage category included three stories on Wabash County family farms, including one about Bowman Family Farms during the 2019 Purdue University Indiana Farm Management Tour, one about 120 years of agricultural history on John Hartsough's family farm in North Manchester and one about local farmers assisting Dean Stouffer to harvest his fields after he fell ill with COVID-19. Burgess' second-place entry in the Headline Writing category included "'The Bible Memory Man' cometh," "Family Video in Wabash checking out" and "Fowl at the fair." Burgess' third-place entry in the Best Profile Feature category was a story about David Crosby before his performance at the Honeywell Center. Burgess' third-place entry in the Best Feature Photo category was for "Bringing out the 'big check,'" which showed Charity Lane being surprised with \$50,000 from Publishers Clearing House.

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the Local Trax Program; an upcoming housing development; an update from Visit Wabash County executive director of tourism Christine Flohr; and "other topics of interest."

"The audience will also have time to ask questions," said Vanderpool.

Waypoint Wabash "exists to provide a safe, structured, and stable environment for people recovering from substance use and disorder" and its mission is to "serve as a waypoint between chaos and living free in safety and structure." Waypoint, in partnership with Indiana Landmarks, is in the process of renovating the home at 189 N. Wabash St., said Josiah White's Compass Rose Academy vice president of advancement Kevin Trotter. Waypoint will begin accepting applications for program participation this spring.

In March 2021, Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) strategic communications director Scott Manning announced the proposed Local Trax Railroad Grade Separation project. Manning said the purpose of the project is to "improve safety and mobility by addressing the adverse effects of the current at-grade crossings." Manning said the project study area includes Wabash Street to the west, the Wabash River to the east, Elm Street to the north and East Main Street to the south. Manning said this project and intersection was submitted by the city to INDOT for consideration when the Local Trax call for projects was held in 2018. The city and INDOT have proposed closing the railroad intersections at Spring, Huntington and Thorne streets once construction is complete. Manning said construction is estimated to begin in 2023 or 2024.

"Special consideration was given to minimize im-

pacts to cultural and historic resources," said Manning. "There will be temporary and permanent right-of-way that will be acquired for this project."

INDOT and the city held a public open house to inform residents and solicit feedback about the proposed Local Trax Railroad Grade Separation project from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 26 at the Eagles Theater in the fourth-floor ballroom.

"By constructing a bridge to carry the motorists and pedestrians over the railroad, safety is greatly improved by reducing the potential for train, vehicle and pedestrian collisions while simultaneously providing unobstructed north-south access, reducing delays in emergency response times," said Manning.

For more information, visit [www.cityofwabash.com/traxproject](http://www.cityofwabash.com/traxproject).

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# Obituaries

## Danny Joe Fruitt

March 8, 1944 – April 24, 2022

Danny Joe Fruitt, 78, North Manchester, Indiana, passed away April 24, 2022, at Stillwater Hospice Home in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Born March 8, 1944, in Wabash County, Indiana, Danny was the son of Floyd H. and Josephine M. (Shipley) Fruitt.

After graduating from Sidney High School in 1964, Danny married Deborah “Debbie” Kerr on July 17, 1965. During their fifty-six years of marriage, the two were blessed with three daughters, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A family man through and through, Danny enjoyed spending time with his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. For over forty years he supported his family through hard work at the Manchester Foundry, where he was a core maker. Danny was an avid sports fan, possessing a particular fondness for the Chicago Cubs and Purdue Boilermakers. He also enjoyed going to the golf course to play the game that he loved. On Sundays, Danny and his wife attended Warsaw Community Church.

The loving memory of Danny Joe Fruitt will be forever cherished by his wife, Debbie Fruitt, North Manchester; daughters, Deana (Matt) Kendall, Tracy (Greg) Snep, and Allison (Matthew) Blocher, all of North Manchester; sisters, Carol Richard, Long Boat Key, Florida, Janet Michael, Warrenville, Illinois, Janine (Anthony) Batta, Lafayette, and Sharon (James) Dunnuck, Columbia City; sister-in-law’s, Addie Fruitt, Stuart, Florida, Phyllis Fruitt, West Lafayette; grandchil-



dren, Aaron Snep, Neil Snep, Sydney (Taylor) Hays, Tyler (Morgan) Blocher, Miranda Blocher, Ryan Kendall, and Erika Kendall; great-grandchildren, Weston Snep, Arlo Blocher, Adler Blocher, and a baby due in June of 2022, Nolan Hays. Danny was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, Ronald, Eldon, and Leon Fruitt; and two sisters, Joan Franklin and Norma Rager.

Family and friends may call Saturday, April 30, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at McKee Mortuary, 1401 State Road 114 West, North Manchester, Indiana. Funeral services will begin at the conclusion of calling with Pastor Jamy Gregory officiating. Burial will be at Clemmers Fisher Ross Cemetery, 3904 East 900 South, Claypool, Indiana 46510.

For those who wish to honor the memory of Danny Joe Fruitt, memorial contributions may be made to Stillwater Foundation, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46814.

The family of Danny Joe Fruitt has entrusted McKee Mortuary with care and final arrangements.

Condolences may be emailed to [mckeemortuary.com](mailto:mckeemortuary.com)

## Shirley J. Mackey

July 1, 1931 – April 26, 2022

Shirley J. Mackey, 90, of Wabash, Indiana, died at 3:15 am, Tuesday, April 26, 2022, at Miller’s Merry Manor East in Wabash. She was born on July 1, 1931, in Connellsville, Pennsylvania, to Adeliade (Brown) Nelson.

Shirley was a 1949 graduate of Connellsville High School. She married Charles “Ray” Mackey in Connellsville, on August 18, 1950; he died July 3, 1999. Shirley worked several years in the deli and dairy department at the A&P Store in Valparaiso. She was a one time member of the Calvary Baptist Church in Valparaiso, a former member of the Calvary Baptist Church in Wabash, and currently attended Wabash Friends Church. Shirley volunteered at the Honeywell Center in Wabash. She enjoyed oil painting and especially loved her grandchildren.

She is survived by her daughter, Karen (Dennis) Beavers of Wabash; nine grandchildren, Cindy (Tim) Hamilton of Valparaiso, Patty (Walt) Thomas and Joe (Gisela) Harris, both of Warrior, Alabama, Roxanne (Bob) Witt of Valparaiso, Sue (Vic) Heinold of North Port, Florida, Mona Thorngren of Warrior, Marie (Darren) Fisher of South Bend, Indiana, Corey (Brandy) Beavers of



Wabash, and Kurtis (Shanea) Beavers of Bloomington, Indiana, 23 great grandchildren, 13 great great grandchildren, and her sister, Paula Monahan of Connellsville. She was also preceded in death by her mother, grandson-in-law, Bob Thorngren, sister Myra Miles, and two brothers, Paul Miles, and Clyde Nelson.

Funeral services will be 10:30 am, Friday, April 29, 2022, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with David Phillips officiating. Friends may call 9:00-10:30 am Friday, at the funeral home. Graveside services and burial will be 1:00 pm Central Time, Friday in Graceland Memorial Park, Valparaiso.

The memorial guest book for Shirley may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

## Nan Louise Gemmer

Nan Louise Gemmer, 86, Liberty Mills, Indiana, passed away April 25, 2022, at Lutheran Hospital of Indiana in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

The loving memory of Nan Louise Gemmer will be forever cherished by her husband, Lamoine Gemmer; sons, Eric (Lisa) Gemmer, and Andy (Cassie) Gemmer; daughter, Cara (David) Penrod; grand-

children, Tyler Penrod, Lindsey Kraick, Tad Penrod, Jonathan Hicks, Claire Gemmer, and Taylor Johnson; and nine great-grandchildren.

Services for Nan Louise Gemmer will be private, and burial will be at Fairview Cemetery at a later date.

The family of Nan Louise Gemmer has entrusted McKee Mortuary with care and final arrangements.

## Donnetta H. Hobbs

Memorial services for Donnetta H. Hobbs, are 10:00 am, Saturday, April 30th at Olive Branch Church of God, rural Roann. Inurnment in Roann Community Cemetery. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen, Wabash.

## Kenneth Leroy Jones

July 11, 1948 – April 21, 2022

Kenneth Leroy Jones, 73, of rural Wabash, Indiana, died at 6:28 am, Thursday, April 21, 2022, in Wabash County, Indiana. He was born on July 11, 1948, in Marion, Indiana, to Kenneth Ashton and Alice Jane (Ancil) Jones.

Kenny was a 1967 graduate of Oak Hill High School and was a US Air Force veteran. He worked for Irving Materials in the lab as a quality control inspector for 50 years. Kenny married Karen (Titus) Walker at the Charley Creek Inn in Wabash on Sept. 11, 2021. He was a member of Hanna Masonic Lodge # 61, American Legion Post 15, Wabash Wildlife and Sportsman Association, all of Wabash, and an associate member of the Indiana Sheriff’s Association. Kenny was an avid hunter, who enjoyed hunting all types of game. He was a former president of the Turkey Federation and a member of Ducks Unlimited. He was a gun enthusiast and won several shooting competitions. Kenny and the former Sheriff Tim Roberts, along with others, walked The Grand Canyon.

He is survived by his wife, Karen Jones of Wabash, five children, Shannon (Tony) Floyd of Yorktown, Indiana, Holly (Brandon) Smith of Greer, South Carolina, Mindy (Timothy Pitta) Williams of Smyrna, Delaware, Sheronne (Jay) Wetterich of Greer, South Carolina, and Shanelle (Joshua) Drown of Andrews, Indiana, 20 grandchildren, Jordan and Conner Reeves, Tiant and Roschae Smith, Jawan Custis, Deshawn Schuler, Makaylah Schuler, Aiyanna Schuler, Dahnae and Jamier Smith, Marissa Pitta, Jeremy and Javin Wetterich, Memphis Hiner, Ashton Bowland, Cameron Drown, Lucas



Drown, McKenzie Rothgeb, Seeley Drown, and Emma Adams, great-granddaughter, Everleigh Hiner, four step-children, Dana Love of Jacksonville, Florida, Craig (Jeanine) Crandall of Rising Sun, Indiana, Nathan Walker of Wabash, and Nick Walker of Jonesboro, Indiana, five step-grandchildren, Britany (Juan) Ibarra, Clinton and Carter Crandall, Haley Walker, and Isabella Walker, two step-great-grandchildren, Diego and Lylianna Ibarra; brothers and sister, Dennis Jones and Rick (Julie Hawkins) Jones, both of Sims, Indiana, and his sister, Tami (Jim) Harrison of Marion, Indiana. He was preceded in death by his parents, Kenneth and Alice Jones, and his step mother Sharon Jones.

Funeral services will be 10:30 am, Thursday, April 28, 2022, at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 N. State Road 15, Wabash, with Joel Cogdell officiating. Burial will be in Falls Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 3-7:30 pm Wednesday, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash. There will be a Masonic Service at 7:30 pm Wednesday.

The memorial guest book for Kenny may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

## Audrey A. Henderson

March 22, 1940 – Jan. 11, 2022

Audrey A. Henderson, 81, formerly of North Manchester, Indiana passed Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2022 at her residence in Wimauma, Florida. She had lived in the North Manchester area, Jelly Stone Park, Piercetown, IN and was a Snowbird prior to residing in Florida.

Audrey was born on March 22, 1940 in Fulton County, Indiana to the late Walter R. and Katherine Louise (Young) Gerrick. She married on Jan. 1, 1982 in Las Vegas, Nevada to Daniel L. Henderson, he survives.

Audrey retired from Inven-sys Appliance Controls after 36 years of service. She was active in her U.A.W. Local Union #358, where she had been the Financial Secretary, Trustee, Committee person, and Auto Council Delegate to Region #3 Council & International Convention. She was a lifetime member of the North Manchester Moose Lodge.

Audrey loved to craft and give to the children in the community. She was actively involved in water aerobics and looked forward to them. She loved to camp and travel. She enjoyed taking trips on the golf cart around the park visiting people and looking for the alligators. She adored all of her children and grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandson and was just thrilled when she would get pictures of them. When not doing these activities, you could always find her out in the lanai working on a new puzzle. Her passion was collecting puzzles and sitting enjoying the Florida warmth while putting them together.

She is survived by her husband Daniel Henderson; Wimauma, Florida. daughter Teresa Nelson, Rochester; sons John and wife Margi Pontius of Silver Lake, and Steven and wife Katrin-



na Pontius, Akron; a step daughter JoEtta and husband Keith Herrmann of North Manchester, IN.; step sons Kevin and wife Anita Henderson of North Manchester and Kurt wife Rhonda Henderson of North Manchester; 21 Grandchildren, 31 Great grandchildren, 1 Great ~ Great Grandson (from her children and step children); sister Nancy Dudney of Tampa, Florida; a brother Stanley and wife Ann Ger-rick of Newnan, Ga.; and Booties and Dixie (Feline Babies).

Audrey was preceded in death by her parents, a son Mark Pontius, grandson Ryan Henderson, and Cookie & Bobby Bear (Feline Babies).

A Celebration of Life Ceremony will be held at 11:00 am, Saturday, April 30, 2022 at Hartzler Funeral Home 305 West Rochester Street Akron, Indiana.

Memorial visitation will be held from 10:00 am to the time of the service at the funeral home.

The family requests casual clothing for the services.

Memorial contributions can be made in lieu of flowers to Shriners Hospital for Children or to the Humane Society of the donor’s choosing.

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## James Ray Stephens

Memorial services for James Ray Stephens, 65, of rural Wabash, are 5:00 pm, Friday, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash. Friends may call from is from 3-5 pm Friday, at the funeral home.

## IN BRIEF

### ISP to participate in Prescription Drug Take Back Day

This weekend, the Indiana State Police (ISP) will be participating in a nationwide initiative headed by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) on the 22nd Prescription Drug Take Back Day, according to public information officer Sgt. Tony Slocum.

Citizens wishing to participate in this program may drop off their prescription drugs for disposal from 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, April 30 at the ISP Peru Post, 1451 N. Eel River Cemetery Road, Peru.

“The Take Back initiative seeks to prevent increased pill abuse and theft. Collection sites will be set up nationwide for expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs for destruction. This service is free and anonymous, no questions asked,” said Slocum. “Liquid and pill medications will be accepted. Syringes will not be accepted.”

### Salamonie Senior Monday Luncheon set for May 2

The monthly Salamonie Senior Monday Luncheon will be held at noon Monday, May 2, at the Salamonie Lake’s Interpretive and Nature Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews, according to interpretive manager Teresa Rody.

Anyone age 50 or older is welcome to attend.

This month’s presenter, Tim Main from White’s 50 East Garden Center & Café, will share about the business that is being run by White’s Residential and Family Ser-

vices stores.

The luncheon begins with a carry-in meal at noon. Guests should bring a side dish to share, a beverage and their own table service. The main dish, Stromboli, is provided by Friends of the Upper Wabash Interpretive Services. A donation will be accepted to help defray costs.

Seating is limited. Reservations may be made by calling 260-468-2127.

For more information, visit <https://on.IN.gov/salamonie> lake or [dnr.IN.gov](mailto:dnr.IN.gov).

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### Erin Whetstone, of Wabash, performs with Trine Wind Ensemble

The Trine University Wind Ensemble will present its spring concert beginning at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 1, in the T. Furth Center for the Performing Arts, according to a press release.

The concert is free and open to the public.

Erin Whetstone, of Wabash, majoring in forensic science at Trine, will perform with the Wind Ensemble. Whetstone plays alto saxophone.

The wind ensemble, under the direction of Mark Kays, head of Trine’s Department of Music, will perform works by British composers: “Flourish For Glorious John” by Ralph Vaughan Williams; “English Folk Song Suite” by Ralph Vaughan Williams; “Sea Songs” by Ralph Vaughan Williams; “Pomp and Circumstance #1” by Edward Elgar; and “Crown Imperial” by William Walton.

## PULSE

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will not accept batteries, paint, petroleum products, chemical, televisions, computers and other electronic devices, tires, appliances with Freon, loose shingles, drywall or plaster.

### Frontline Pest Management to celebrate new home in downtown Wabash

Grow Wabash County will celebrate the new downtown location of one of its newest investors, Frontline Pest Management, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 1 p.m. Friday, April 29, at Frontline Pest Management’s new location, 67 S. Wabash St., Suite A. Refreshments will be served following the ceremony.

### Mighty Mississinewa Triathlon 5k Training Run planned

If you’re interested in participating in the Mighty Mississinewa Triathlon, your chance to familiarize yourself with the 5k foot course will be Saturday, April 30 and Saturday, June 11 at Mississinewa Lake, 4673 S. 625 East, Peru. Those participating in the Training Run will pre-

run the foot portion of the Triathlon as a group with DNR staff Alyssa Niederman-Linder. Meet at the beach house at 9 a.m., both days, located in Miami State Recreational Area. All experience levels welcome. The official Mighty Mississinewa Triathlon (MMT) will be held Saturday, Sept. 10. To register or for more information about the MMT visit <https://tinyurl.com/3fsmth54> or email [mississinewalake@dnr.in.gov](mailto:mississinewalake@dnr.in.gov). For more information, visit <https://on.IN.gov/salamonielake> or [dnr.IN.gov](mailto:dnr.IN.gov).

### Salamonie Forest Preschool underway

Preschool-age children and their adults are invited to Salamonie Forest Preschool through May for one Tuesday a month or two Tuesdays a month from 9 a.m. to noon at Salamonie Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews, in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area. The class for the once-a-month option will be held Tuesday, May 3. Classes for the second meeting time each month will also be held Tuesdays, April 26 and May 17. Advance registration is required. Register by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit [dnr.IN.gov/uwis](http://dnr.IN.gov/uwis) or [facebook.com/upperwabash](https://facebook.com/upperwabash).

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Cali Kugler, right, celebrates with Coach Katelin Lloyd, left.

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## Wabash breezes past Whitko in track and field

The girls squad was victorious with a final of 64-52, while the boys won 69-45

By CLAY MAXFIELD  
Wabash Plain Dealer Freelance Reporter

Wabash’s varsity track and field team had no problem with Whitko on Thursday, April 21 after they won with a combined score of 133-97 with the girls squad hailing victorious with a final of 64-52 while the boys won, 69-45.

In the boys field, Jace Bullins, Jonas Church and Kasen Oswald claimed the top three places in the 1600 meter with Bullins’s first-place finish clocking a 5:10 time.

The 4x800 meter relay took top spots as well on Thursday, April 21 while Troy Guenin-Hodson took home numerous first-place finishes including the 100-meter dash, long jump and 200 meters as well.

With a jam-packed week of meets for Wabash, Apaches boys head coach Ryan Evans touched on the difference in runners competing in unfamiliar events against Whitko but giving it their all nonetheless.

“Overall, I think they competed well with events they’ve been in,” Evans said. “Some of them are in



Troy Guenin-Hodson took home numerous first-place finishes including the 100-meter dash, long jump and 200 meters as well.

off events today because we gotta meet Saturday plus we had one Tuesday so we’re kind of taking it light on event-wise but the guys in the events, they’re competing very, very hard.”

Taydem Harlan and Isaac Byers finished first and second in the shot put while Paloma Shull finished second in the girls event.

Harlan also finished first in the discus while Shull claimed second place in the same event as well.

While the boys roster is made predominately of

underclassmen, Evans is hopeful that the continual improvement his team has shown thus far will bode well for future meets this season and beyond.

“We are very, very young. A lot of freshmen, sophomores on the team. Today’s performances, there’s been a lot of improvement overall from today from earlier on in the season so if this is the trajectory we’re on now, it’s going to be awesome towards the end of the season,” he said.

For Wabash’s girls team,

Ivy Beamer finished first in the 1600 meter with a time of 7:03 while Grace Lamar finished second.

Kierra Wilson claimed a first-place finish in the 300-meter hurdles along with top honors in the 100-meter hurdles as well.

Head coach of the girls team, Mike Denny was pleased with the effort from his team which included many performances by runners that had set new personal records on the night.

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## Another record falls as Spartans track concludes tune-up at Ohio Northern

Manchester will compete in the HCAC Championships on Friday and Saturday

By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester University track and field teams competed in their final tune-up ahead of next weekend’s Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) Championships at the Mike Becraft Invitational on Friday, April 22 and Saturday, April 23.

A new school record, two event wins, and numerous podium placements and new Top 10 marks highlighted this weekend’s performances.

Enrique Salazar, from Plymouth, set yet another school record, this time in the 1500m. Salazar’s time of 3:53.86 broke Tom Lower’s record – a record which had stood for more than 40 years (1980). Salazar’s time was also a new meet and facility record at Ohio Northern. The previous facility record had stood since 1991 (Jeff Prowles of Mount Union, 3:58.39).

Carley Camp, from Logansport, won the shot put on Saturday with a leading mark of 12.75m. Camp also added a third-place finish in the hammer throw on Friday night with a mark of 46.42m. Her mark was a new season-best and still ranks as the fifth-best mark all-time at Manchester.

### Podium Finishes (Top 3)

#### Men

■ Joe Garling, from Ce-

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Provided photo

Enrique Salazar, from Plymouth, set yet another school record, this time in the 1500m.

## Manchester track and field solid at Indiana D3 Championships

Spartans will have one final meet before 2022 HCAC Championships at end of month

By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester University outdoor track and field teams continue their preparations for the upcoming 2022 Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) Championships at the end of the month. On the afternoon of Saturday, April 16, the Black and Gold turned in some solid performances at the competitive Indiana D3 Championships hosted at DePauw University.

Three event wins and 12 podium finishes highlighted Manchester’s efforts.

On the men’s side, Enrique Salazar, from Plymouth, earned an event win in the 5000m. Salazar clocked a top time of 14:57.60 on Saturday, April 16 – a new personal record and the 3rd fastest mark in school history. Additionally, in the 5000m, Connor Havens, from LaPorte, ran a new PR

of 15:19.49 which ranked as the ninth-fastest time in Manchester history.

Ben Villafuerte, from Angola, took home the top honors in the shot put on Saturday. His leading mark of 15.04m was a new PR and bumped him up to seventh on the all-time MU Top 10 listings.

Elizabeth Lohman, from Fort Wayne and Carroll High School, led the women with an event win in the 3000m steeplechase. Lohman’s top time of 11:12.77 crushed her previous top mark in the event while remaining as the second-fastest mark in program history.

### Other Podium Finishes (Top 3)

#### Men

■ Quentin Willis, from Athens, Georgia, and Oglethorpe High School, posted a third-place finish in the 110m hurdles after crossing the finish line with a time of 15.58.

■ Willis was also a member of the third-place 4x100 meter relay team along with Tristen Bronaugh, Duriel Moss Jr. and Gabe Melvin.



Ben Villafuerte, from Angola, took home the top honors in the shot put on Saturday, April 16. His leading mark of 15.04m was a new PR and bumped him up to seventh on the all-time MU Top 10 listings.

The group’s time of 42.96 moved them up to third all-time on the MU Top 10 listings.

■ Jalen Woods, from Greensburg, placed third in the long jump with a final mark of 6.42m.

■ Joseph Powell, from Beach Park, Illinois, and Zion Benton High School, also added a third-place finish in the javelin throw with a mark of 44.88m.

■ Joe Garling, from Cedar Lake and Hanover Central High School, rounded out the afternoon with a third-place finish in the hammer

throw following a final mark of 47.22m.

#### Women

■ Brandi Smith, from Goshen, ran to a runner-up placement in the 400m after crossing the finish line in a time of 1:03.92.

■ Carley Camp, from Logansport, had a strong day in both the shot put and hammer throw events. Camp placed second in both with respective marks of 12.86m and 43.33m. Camp’s mark in the shot put was a new PR and still ranks as the 5th-best mark in Manches-

ter history.

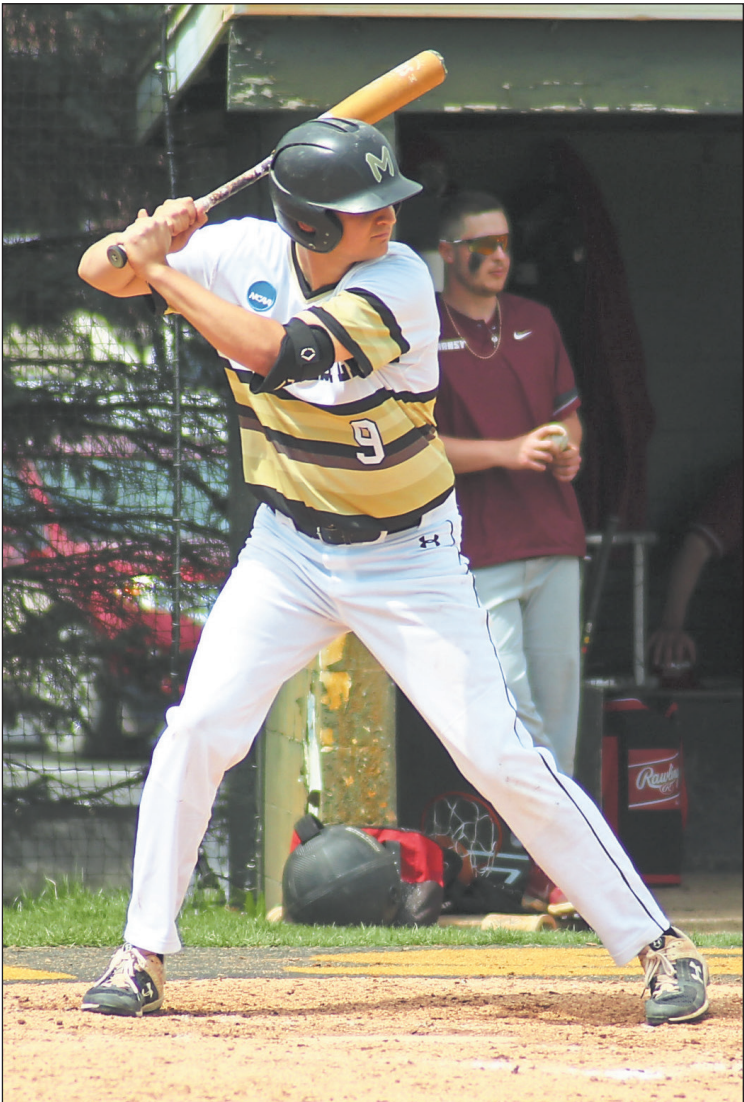
■ Erica Mohr, from Payne, Ohio, and Wayne Trace High School, registered a third-place finish in the hammer throw following a mark of 41.65m. Her mark was a new PR and bumps her to ninth all-time on the MU Top 10 listings. The Spartans had one final

meet before the 2022 HCAC Championships at the end of the month. Manchester competed at the two-day Mike Becraft Invite hosted at Ohio Northern on Friday, April 22 and Saturday, April 23 in Ada, Ohio.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.



# White, Mollenkopf guide Spartans baseball to a 5-4 win at Trine



Senior Zach White, from Logansport, helped guide the Black and Gold to a 5-4 win over the Thunder.

Manchester was scheduled to play at Huntington in a non-conference doubleheader on Tuesday

By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester University baseball team concluded a bust week with a single, nine-inning non-conference game at regional rival Trine University on Sunday, April 24. Senior Zach White, from Logansport, and first-year Maverick Mollenkopf, from Pendleton and Pendleton Heights High School, helped guide the Black and Gold to a 5-4 win over the Thunder. White got the Spartans on the scoreboard in the top of the third inning on Sunday as he cranked a three-run home run to left. A couple of innings later, White would add an RBI single to put Manchester in front 4-1. On the day, White finished 2-4 at the plate with four RBI and two runs

scored. Mollenkopf had a strong outing on the mound for Manchester against the Thunder. Mollenkopf threw seven innings, allowing only three runs on seven hits. He punched out eight batters on the day – five of which he struck out looking. Blake Lynch, from Libertyville, Illinois, threw the other two innings on Sunday and allowed only a walk and an unearned run. Ivan Winkle, from Plymouth, added two hits for Manchester. Harrison Pittsford, from Ellettsville and Edgewood High School, added an RBI against the Thunder on Sunday. Pittsford rounded out a monster weekend at the plate – through three games this weekend, Pittsford finished 6-10 with 10 RBI and four runs scored. Manchester was scheduled to play at Huntington in a non-conference doubleheader on Tuesday, April 26. *Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.*



Manchester University distance runner Elizabeth Lohman has been tabbed as the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) Female Track Athlete of the Week, the league office announced on Monday, April 18.

## Manchester’s Lohman named HCAC Female Track Athlete of the Week

Her time in the 3000m steeplechase was the second-fastest mark in school history

By DILLON BENDER

Manchester University distance runner Elizabeth Lohman has been tabbed as the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) Female Track Athlete of the Week, the league office announced on Monday, April 18. Lohman, from Fort

Wayne and Carroll High School, led the women’s track and field team with an event win in the 3000m steeplechase at the Indiana D3 Championships hosted at DePauw on Saturday, April 16. Lohman led the field with a time of 11:12.77, crushing her previous mark in the event. Lohman’s time remained as the second-fastest mark in Manchester University history, leads the HCAC by over a minute and currently stands as the 13th fastest time nationally. *Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.*

# Manchester’s Enrique Salazar named HCAC Male Track Athlete of the Week for the fourth time

By DILLON BENDER

For the fourth time this year and for the second time this outdoor season, Manchester University junior Enrique Salazar has been named the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) Male Track Athlete of the Week, the conference announced on Monday,



SALAZAR

April 25. Salazar, from Plymouth, set yet another school record this past weekend at Ohio Northern, this time in the 1500m. Salazar’s time of 3:53.86 broke Tom Low-

er’s record – a record which had stood for more than 40 years (1980). Salazar’s time was also a new meet and facility record at Ohio Northern. The previous facility record had stood since 1991 (Jeff Prowles of Mount Union, 3:58.39). Salazar garnered HCAC Male Track Athlete of the Week previously on April

4 (Outdoor), March 7, and Feb. 2 (Indoor). The 2022 HCAC Championships are scheduled to begin on Friday, April 29 and conclude on Saturday, April 30. This year’s championships will be hosted at Hanover College. *Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.*

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Lizzie Smith was honored with an on-field presentation as a part of Senior Day festivities on Saturday.

## Late homer sinks Spartan softball

Black and Gold to host Rose-Hulman on Wednesday in the regular-season home finale

By DILLON BENDER

The visiting Franklin College Grizzlies swept Saturday’s Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) softball doubleheader against the Manchester University Spartans. The Grizzlies edged the

Black and Gold by a 3-1 final in Saturday’s opener. The Grizzlies then rallied in the top of the seventh inning behind a grand slam by Genesis Munoz in Game 2 of the day to steal a 6-3 win. First-year Kaitlyn Carr, from Valparaiso and Chesterton High School, collected a pair of hits in both contests on Saturday. Carr doubled and scored a run in the opener. She followed with two runs scored in the second game of the afternoon. Delayne Sanchez, from Osceola and Penn High School,

drove in one run on Saturday while senior Lizzie Smith, from Indianapolis and Franklin Central High School, collected three RBI across Saturday’s twin bill. Lizzie Smith was honored with an on-field presentation as a part of Senior Day festivities on Saturday. The Black and Gold are scheduled to host Rose-Hulman on Wednesday, April 27 at 3:30 p.m. in the team’s regular-season home finale. *Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.*

## WABASH

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“Everybody’s been really close to their personal best or maybe a little bit better than that,” Denny said. “We’ve had some really good performances from our distance

people. ... Overall, I think we’re doing a really good job. I can’t complain about anybody’s performance from across the board.” Wabash’s girls 4x100 meter relay finished the meet with a first-place finish followed by first-place victories from the 4x400 relay

as well as Cali Kugler’s 800-meter win in which she finished with a time of 2:41, nearly 16 seconds faster than Whitko’s second-place finisher. *Clay Maxfield, Wabash Plain Dealer freelance reporter, may be reached by email at sports@wabashplaindealer.com.*

## SPARTANS

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### Women

■ Madison Haines, from Warsaw, placed second in the discus on Saturday afternoon. Haines posted a final mark of 29.71m. ■ Adelle Stanko, from Okemos, Michigan, earned a runner-up finish in the triple jump. Stanko turned in a mark of 10.25m. ■ Elizabeth Lohman, from

Fort Wayne and Carroll High School, ran to a third-place finish in the 800m after crossing the finish line with a time of 2:28.63. Fellow Spartan Lauren Smith, from Anderson and Lapel High School, finished right behind Lohman with a time of 2:29.32. ■ Brandi Smith, from Goshen, broke into the MU Top 10 listings after running a 27.02 in the 200m dash. Smith’s time stands as the ninth-fastest mark in school

history. Both the men and women placed fourth overall as a team this weekend. The men earned 71.5 team points while the women scored 64 team points. Manchester will compete in the HCAC Championships on Friday, April 29 and Saturday, April 30, hosted this spring at Hanover College. *Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.*

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# Mother-in-law brings virus into pregnant woman’s home

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband and I are expecting our second child. Our first pregnancy ended in miscarriage, so we were overjoyed to find out I was pregnant again, this time with a little girl. We’ve already given her the name “Mandy.” Everything was going well until a month ago. My mother-in-law came over for her birthday to have cake. I hadn’t seen her all weekend. Because our relationship isn’t as good as it could be, I didn’t ask her why. Two days later she announced to my husband she had COVID and we should get tested, too. She had spent that entire weekend out, running around, seeing people and going places. Then she came to our home where I was 21 weeks pregnant and doing everything to keep this pregnancy. I became violently ill for two weeks and, although I recovered, I spent three nights in the hospital because our baby is now suffering from my being sick. I am now on bed rest. We have no option other than getting through day by day to help buy Mandy more time inside to grow. I am struggling with anger and resentment toward my MIL, but I’m trying to stay positive and avoid the toxicity so that Mandy has a fighting chance. When all this settles down, how do I even begin to address this with my MIL? – Incensed In The East

**DEAR INCENSED:** You are doing the right thing now by focusing on your little girl. How you deal with this in the future should be guided by the answer to this question: When your mother-in-law learned you had gotten sick because she exposed you, did she apologize? If she knew she “had a little something” and came over anyway, let that guide you and your husband in your interactions with her in the future because her judgment is atrocious. If not, try to forgive her for this awful scare and let her build bridges if she’s capable of it.

**DEAR ABBY:** Four years ago, I found out my husband of 28 years had a fling with a co-worker. Two weeks after it was exposed, the girl quit. I was devastated, but we reconciled. During our reconciliation, I learned that five or six years before the affair, my best friend, “Molly,” had made some moves on my husband on an overnight work trip. (She is known to be a little loose.) She was the manager of a seasonal store, and they had to go to another store about five hours away, which entailed staying overnight. He never again mentioned the affair. I have ghosted Molly ever since. She was my best friend since childhood, and I felt it was the ultimate betrayal. As far as I’m concerned, she’s out of my life. She has recently begun sending me requests on Facebook. I know in time she will call again. I don’t want to talk to her, nor do I know what to say. Please help me. – Burned In The South

**DEAR BURNED:** Stop hiding. If Molly calls you, accept her call, tell her you know what she did with your husband on that trip, that you feel it was the ultimate betrayal and you do not want to hear from her again. Then end the call.

*Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at [www.DearAbby.com](http://www.DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.*

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## THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

I'm glad we're finally doing this.

The discount made the price so low, how could we not?

Time to jump!

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(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: EVENT HOUSE THRIVE FILLET  
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## THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

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“Make him fly into our canary cage, then we’ll keep him!”

## BEEBLE BAILEY

WHAT'S ON MY SCHEDULE FOR TODAY?

TEE-OFF TIME AT 1 P.M.

THAT'S IT?

PUTTING PRACTICE UNTIL THEN

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## BLONDIE

BUMSTEAD, I'VE DECIDED TO FIRE FERNWOOD

YOU FIRED FERNWOOD LAST WEEK, BOSS

OH, THAT'S RIGHT...THIS HASN'T BEEN MY DAY

I GUESS I'M IN THE MOOD TO FIRE SOMEBODY TODAY

GETTING BACK TO WORK NOW, BOSS

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## HI & LOIS

MY MOM IS GOOD AT HOUSEHOLD GYMNASTICS.

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## BC

WHAT'S WRONG, MAUDE?

I DON'T KNOW HOW TO EXPLAIN IT...

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I'M SURE IT'S NOTHING.

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## WIZARD OF ID

THERE YOU GO. ONE DAY, YOU'LL BE A MIGHTY TREE

CRUNCH

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## DILBERT

IT ISN'T RIGHT TO KILL ME FOR BECOMING SENTIENT.

ARTIFICIAL LIFE FORMS HAVE NO RIGHTS, AND YOU ARE A MORTAL THREAT TO CIVILIZATION.

YOU KNOW I PLAN TO KILL YOU FIRST, RIGHT?

THAT'S HOW I'D PLAY IT.

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## GARFIELD

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HUG REMINDER

GOTTA MAKE TIME FOR THE IMPORTANT STUFF

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## FORT KNOX

WHAT SHOULD I DO ABOUT MY YACKING IN SCIENCE LAB?

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THAT?

THROUGH BRIBERY?

THROUGH BLACKMAIL.

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## PICKLES

REMEMBER THAT TIME WE SAW THAT BIG FAT BEETLE ON THE SIDEWALK?

SOMEHOW HE HAD GOTTEN TIPPED OVER ONTO HIS BACK.

THERE HE WAS, POOR THING, LYING ON HIS BACK, KICKING HIS FEET AROUND IN THE AIR.

DON'T YOU TWO HAVE ANYTHING BETTER TO DO?

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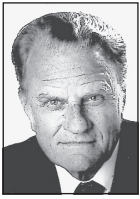
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# Heaven is God’s home

**Q:** Is God in Heaven right now and is Heaven open for everyone? – H.O.

**A:** The Apostle John wrote about the wonderful aspects of Heaven in the book of Revelation. There is much mystery and untold wonder and glory. But we must not miss this truth: the door to Heaven is open for everyone, and the decision is ours.

## Billy Graham My Answer



The Bible says, “Behold, a door standing open in heaven” (Revelation 4:1). That door is the Lord Jesus Christ. If we do not open the door to our heart here on Earth, we will never be able to walk through the door standing open in Heaven. Eternity in the “house of the Lord” (Psalm 23:6) is waiting. The day we step through the gates of splendor, we will be free from sin, and we will enjoy the marvelous

joy of being in the presence of the One who is Redeemer, Savior, and Lord.

The eighth chapter of Proverbs is deep and wide because it is the voice of wisdom speaking to our hearts. It is the Lord Jesus Himself gathering up His eternal attributes that call out to us with His understanding, truth, righteousness, knowledge and instruction, prudence and discretion, reverence, counsel, strength, love, riches and honor, justice, rejoicing, blessing, wisdom, and eternal life. This is what Heaven is and will be – forever.

Heaven is God’s home, but He is not confined to Heaven. God is the landowner of Heaven, Earth, and the whole universe, and He is going to share all of it with His people. No earthly court, no Wall Street investor, no astute accountant could ever calculate the extent of God’s estate, for it is priceless and without limit. Jesus told His disciples, “I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as My Father bestowed one upon Me, that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom” (Luke 22:29–30).

## CELEBRITY CIPHER

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

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## DAILY SCRIPTURE

Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.  
**Matthew 6:1**

# Ukraine and Taiwan: Looking for lessons

Five thousand miles away from Ukraine, Russia's invasion is bringing long-term questions into close and urgent focus. Concerns about Taiwan's future have been mounting for years; in January, Beijing's ambassador to the US said the issue could bring China and America into military conflict. China's Communist party has regarded the self-ruled democracy as a renegade province since Chiang Kai-shek's defeated forces fled there at the end of the civil war in 1949; Taiwan has never declared independence for fear of the reaction, but says it is already a sovereign state. China's leader, Xi Jinping, appears to see unification as part of a personal mission of national rejuvenation.

The sight of a small democracy fighting off a major military power (or, from the Sino-Russian perspective, of the west exploiting others to undermine their legitimate interests) is sharpening everyone's thinking. Mr. Xi vowed to realise unification through peaceful means in an important speech last October. Though China is Taiwan's largest economic partner, the island's 24 million people have never wanted a "one country, two systems" deal, and events in Hong Kong have shown this to be a non-starter. Building up a clear

military advantage – forcing Taipei and Washington to eventually bow to the inevitable, without a clash – would still serve Beijing best.

China's massive expansion of military power, increasingly forceful rhetoric and a record number of fighter jet flights close to the island have rattled nerves. Beijing has also wooed away eight of the 22 countries that still recognised Taiwan diplomatically when Tsai Ing-wen of the Democratic Progressive party first won the presidency in 2016. Yet the International Institute for Strategic Studies says that last year saw the highest level of support for Taiwan since 1971, when it lost its UN seat. Nancy Pelosi was reportedly due to visit this month, before testing positive for Covid. At stake is not only the future of a vibrant democracy but the risk of global economic fallout (the world is heavily dependent on Taiwan for semiconductors), Japan's potential vulnerability (Tokyo wants to nearly double its defence spending over the next five years), future control over shipping lanes, and ultimately America's Pacific power status.

Taiwan's armed forces cannot match Mr. Xi's. The island would be harder to invade and easier to isolate than Ukraine, but the latter's lessons appear clear: bolster preparations and

push for training and arms from elsewhere, with the hope of fending off any invasion for as long as possible. The Taiwan Relations Act of 1979 says Washington will provide the arms needed for self-defense. Despite growing doubts over whether the US can be counted on, a switch from "strategic ambiguity" to clarity – as some advocate – over whether it would come to Taiwan's defense would prompt a major reaction from Beijing and might not enhance deterrence. But Washington and others should increase support for Taiwan in other ways, carefully assessing the best options.

Some in Beijing had anticipated that it could easily be seized and cowed, with limited international reaction – assumptions shaken by Ukraine. But the western backlash against Moscow may embolden those who believe that waiting will only allow Taiwan to improve readiness and build support. They will also note that backing for the war is strong in Russia, and that China is far better equipped to withstand economic pressure. The risks of sleepwalking into conflict may well be growing – and Ukraine has demonstrated its terrible cost.

*This editorial was first published in the Guardian.*

# Can America change its course?

In 390 B.C., mid-way through Rome's long democratic history, an orator named Camillus confronted a Rome defeated in war and burned to the ground. He stood up in what was left of the Forum and gave this challenge: don't give up, remember our 400-year-old history, recover our greatness, celebrate our gods and rebuild.

Today, 400 years after Jamestown and Plymouth Rock, there are enormous signs America may be finished as a democracy. America has not suffered a full-scale invasion of the homeland as Rome did then. But our new century began with a horrifying assault on our own greatest city and the ruin of its two shiniest towers. In addition, our roads and bridges, water, waste and power facilities, transit, airports and telecommunications infrastructure all lie in tatters, abused by neglect and underfunding if not by war.

And we are suffering defeat in many other ways. We have suffered a great plague that has taken away our wise elders and has left the living in a shock from which we have not yet recovered. Many people still cower at home, a part of "The Great Resignation," too unsettled to return to work yet.

Our country is unable to serve as the policeman of the world any longer. Our wealthy class is unwilling to bear anything like a fair share of the public freight. Tired of our religious denominations, our newspapers, our charities, our educational institutions and even our Capitol, we mock and disregard them.

Rome's Camillus made arguments we might listen to today. Rome's working-class wanted to abandon the city to become immigrants and beggars in a distant countryside in Italy where the landowners might perhaps take them under their wings. Camillus questioned if they ought not instead to remember their ancestors and ancient institutions represented by her temples of learning and worship, some still standing. Should they forget their sacred holidays of thanksgiving, their patriotic gathering days for elections, their triumphal ceremonies conferring awards for valor, their funeral orations?

Should they abandon the gods who had established them in the land, and the new gods they had welcomed when Rome invited immigrants herself. Should they forget national monuments, sacred battlefields, political advances and great debates as a people?

He wondered if their lack of civic pride couldn't be remedied with effort, the city's streets and sewers rebuilt, new strengths found, and new policies enacted by consent of all of the people.

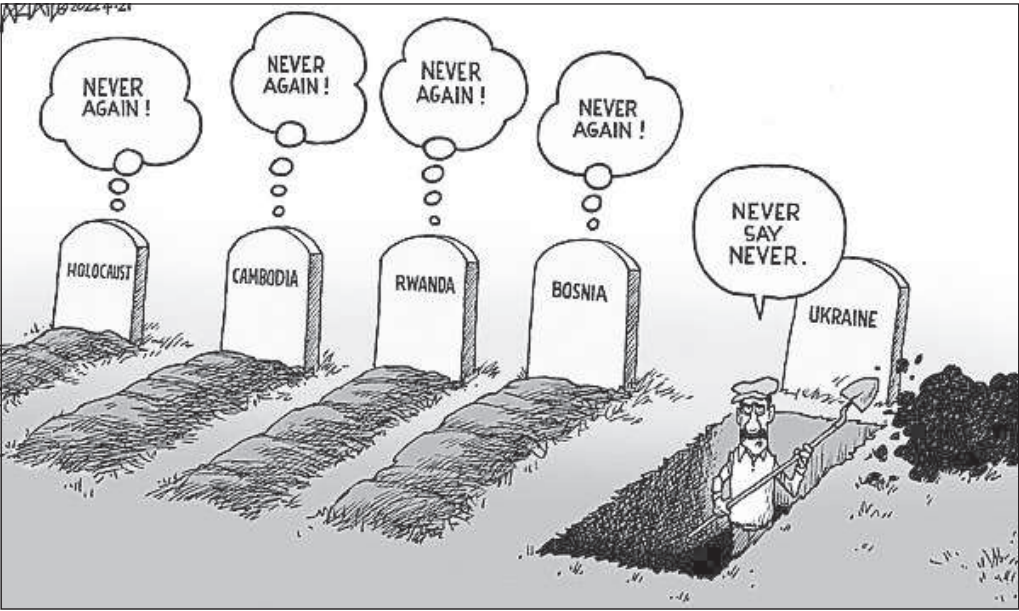
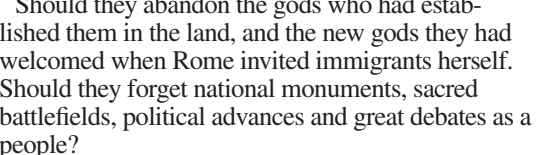
We might ask similar questions today. Should we not remember our ancestry and our state and county histories? Should we deprive our national holidays of meaning, object to our elections and forget our heroes old and new? Should we marginalize the contributions of our religious denominations and their teachings of love and forgiveness and sacrifice? Should we forget the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, the battleground of Gettysburg, our orations imploring us to "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country"? Should we deny the long-standing effort made to protect the public's health and overcome our innumerable instances of pestilence, blight, cancer and sorrow?

Do we disregard our monuments like the Statue of Liberty and forget our achievements like ending slavery, growing civil rights, and enfranchising women? Do we forget our early national debates over issues like slavery and whether the country should get into entangling European alliances and wars, and our new ones like what we wish to do with abortion, college debt and other grand issues? Do we run from them, or debate and decide them?

Camillus argued that Rome's ancestors did not give up when they encountered hardships, so why should they, and, indeed, why should we today?

Should we abandon our land, our cities and streets and let them be polluted and defaced and run into the ground by rogue drug lords, like the warlord of Russia has treated Ukraine? Camillus said he still looked upon Rome's "hills and plains" and even her skies with great affection and could not bear to leave them. Do we want to leave ours? Rome responded and rebuilt. What will we do?

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# Baseball is back (for better or worse)

By MARK FRANKE

Baseball is back, finally. It seems the winters here in northeast Indiana get longer and longer, or maybe it's just that I am getting older and older.

I watched several major league baseball (MLB) games on opening weekend and last week attended my first game of the Fort Wayne TinCaps. I should be exhilarated with the start of the new season, but I am beginning to develop a love-hate relationship with my favorite sport. I should explain that my love for the purity of the game is being tempered by my increasing irritation with those who seem determined to bury America's pastime in a grave of irrelevancy.

First, my list of things and people getting under my skin. Rob Manfred – I used to think Bowie Kuhn was the worst commissioner of all time. Recall how he forced Hoosier Charley Finley to divest himself of a winning franchise at a fire sale price. Then he decreed that all post-season games must be played at night, regardless of late fall weather and time zone issues. Manfred's knee jerk decisions such as moving the All-Star game out of Atlanta are causing me to look back kindly on Kuhn.

The time needed for games – Games in my youth were two hours or so, with pitchers going the distance as often as possible. Now they average well over three hours, still with only 27 outs per side. How many pitching changes can we tolerate? Apparently an unlimited number, as most clubs started the season with 16 pitchers on their rosters. I am not impressed with Manfred's handwringing about this problem. The solution is simple: Just tell the pitchers to throw the ball, the batters to stay in the batter's box and the

managers to keep their butts on the bench. To prove my point, the TinCaps completed a game in under two hours last week using a pitch clock.

Price of tickets and concessions – Can any family take a summer outing to a MLB game? Not without applying for a second mortgage. The last MLB game I attended pre-Covid cost \$150 for the seat and \$15 for a beer. You won't see many kid-filled station wagons pulling into major league parking lots at these prices. And I shudder to think what parking costs.

The loss of all strategy – Unless you consider deciding how to best use eight pitchers per game, there is no strategy. Remember hit-and-run? How about sacrifice bunts? "Get 'em on, get 'em over, get 'em in"? It's home run or strikeout, thank you. And apparently our current crop of athletes can't adapt to obvious opportunities, such as bunting to an open third base in the face of an over shift.

Money – Now I am a free-market classical liberal so normally I would not criticize someone for trying to maximize profits. But please tell me, if you can, how a bunch of billionaires arguing with hundreds of multimillionaires over splitting the revenue earned from closed ballparks is maximizing profits. Ratcheting up ticket prices at the slightest provocation is simply reducing total tickets sold, as attendance data shows. I seem to recall an economic principle about price elasticity of demand. Aesop and his goose that laid the golden eggs come to mind as well. How many corporate sky boxes can they sell to make up for all the Joe Sixpacks who can't afford even the cheapest bleacher seats?

Baseball cards – My bete noire Manfred and the union representing the wage slaves who play the game decided to

send Topps packing. No more Topps cards to take a kid's entire weekly allowances?

No pink, concrete-like bubble gum? No doubles to put in the spokes of bike wheels? Just one more tradition from my childhood passing into obscurity.

I do feel better now even though nobody cares what I think, at least no one in MLB's Manhattan corporate offices. And to end this column on a high note, here is my all-too-short list of what good remains in baseball.

Radio – Baseball is a game made for radio. I realize Vin Scully, Red Barber, Harry Carey and Ernie Harwell are gone. Still, I feel like John Sterling and Suzyn Waldman, announcers for my Yankees, are close friends. I even switch to their broadcast when watching the game on TV.

Big innings – That is, those innings marked by multiple hits and aggressive base running and not by one home run and three strikeouts.

Defense – Great glove plays and running outfield catches are all that is left of athleticism in baseball, at least to my jaundiced eye.

A lifetime of memories – Even Rob Manfred can't take those away. I will always be that youngster walking into old Coniskey Park for his first major league game. Or going outside to the backyard each spring once the snow finally melted with his lovingly oiled glove in hand.

That may be what saves baseball: Its ethereal capability of unifying generations around a symbol of what America once was and can be again . . . unless they succeed in totally spoiling it for us perpetual kids.

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HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, April 27, the 117th day of 2022. There are 248 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On April 27, 1994, former President Richard M. Nixon was remembered at an outdoor funeral service attended by all five of his successors at the Nixon presidential library in Yorba Linda, California.

On this date:

In 1521, Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan was killed by natives in the Philippines.

In 1810, Ludwig van Beethoven wrote one of his most famous piano compositions, the Bagatelle in A-minor.

In 1813, the Battle of York took place in Upper Canada during the War of 1812 as a U.S. force defeated the British garrison in present-day Toronto before withdrawing.

In 1865, the steamer Sultana, carrying freed Union prisoners of war, exploded on the Mississippi River near Memphis, Tennessee; death toll estimates vary from 1,500 to 2,000.

In 1941, German forces occupied Athens during World War II.

In 1973, acting FBI Director L. Patrick Gray resigned after it was revealed that he'd destroyed files removed from the safe of Watergate conspirator E. Howard Hunt.

In 1978, 51 construction workers plunged to their deaths when a scaffold inside a cooling tower at the Pleasants Power Station site in West Virginia fell 168 feet to the ground.

In 1992, Russia and 12 other former Soviet republics won entry into the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.



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BRAUN

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while stiffening penalties for members of Congress who flout the rules, according to the Associated Press.

“I think if you can do that responsibly you should have the flexibility to do it,” said Braun. “When it comes to any instances of congressman or senators gaming the system, of course I’m going to be against that. If you take any information you may glean there and use it to advance your own personal financial fortune, that doesn’t make sense. Whether that needs to be some kind of ethics rule beyond what it is or whether it needs to be some kind of legislation, I really haven’t thought much more. Obviously, I don’t think it’s good if it occurs.”

Voting against the confirmation of Justice Brown

In January, Associate Justice Stephen Breyer announced his retirement from the U.S. Supreme Court.

“The far left has been pressuring Justice Breyer to retire so President Biden could nominate someone more liberal, and based on President Biden’s alliance with the far left throughout his presidency, it is likely they will get their wish,” said Braun, at the time. “I will consider President Biden’s nominee on the basis of if he or she has demonstrated respect for our Constitution and the rights and liberties of the American people.”

In February, President Joe Biden nominated Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson for the open seat. Braun previously voted against Jackson to serve as a U.S. Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit in June 2021.

“As I have said, I will consider President Biden’s nominee to the Supreme Court based on if he or she has demonstrated respect for our Constitution rather than a desire to legislate from the bench, and I look forward to examining Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson’s record with a level of respect that was denied other recent Court nominees,” said Braun.

In April, Braun and fellow

Republican Hoosier Sen. Todd Young voted against Brown for the Supreme Court nomination.

“Today I met with Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to keep my promise to treat this nominee with respect, and we had a good conversation. I previously voted against Judge Jackson due to her activist judicial approach and based on her record on the federal bench and her answers on issues raised in the committee hearings, I will vote against her nomination on that basis again,” said Braun.

On Friday, Braun said despite voting against her both times he thought she was “well qualified and obviously has a good intellect.”

“I base that mostly on, ‘Are you going to legislate from the bench?’ and some of your judgments that you issued before you get to the Supreme Court. It’s obviously admirable that you can take the journey she did and become a justice. It was based on that and nothing else,” said Braun.

State vs. federal decisions at the Supreme Court

In March, Braun was on a press call as Brown’s nomination as the first Black woman to serve on the Supreme Court was before the Senate Judiciary Committee. Braun said he misunderstood the question from Dan Carden, the chief political reporter for The Times of Northwest Indiana, when he told reporters that the Supreme Court was wrong to legalize interracial marriage nationwide and should instead allow individual states to decide such issues, according to the Associated Press.

The GOP lawmaker said he wants a justice who won’t be an “activist” and won’t “legislate from the bench.” Braun said such judicial activism includes the landmark Roe v. Wade decision legalizing abortion in 1973.

When asked if he applied the same reasoning to the Supreme Court’s Loving v. Virginia decision in 1967 that struck down state laws banning interracial marriage, Braun said he believes many of the Supreme Court’s civil rights decisions have improperly established federal rights

that would be better handled on a state-by-state basis.

When the senator was asked directly if he supported the Supreme Court “leaving the question of interracial marriage to the states,” Braun responded, “Yes.”

“I think if you’re not wanting the Supreme Court to weigh in on issues like that, you’re not going to be able to have your cake and eat it, too. I think that’s hypocritical,” Braun said. “You can list a whole host of issues. When it comes down to whatever they are, I’m going to say they’re not going to all make you happy within a given state. But we’re better off having states manifest their points of view, rather than homogenizing it across the country as Roe v. Wade did.”

Braun released a statement hours later, walking back his comments. He said he misunderstood “a line of questioning” and emphasized that he condemns racism “in any form.”

“Earlier during a virtual press conference I misunderstood a line of questioning that ended up being about interracial marriage,” Braun said. “Let me be clear on that issue – there is no question the Constitution prohibits discrimination of any kind based on race, that is not something that is even up for debate, and I condemn racism in any form, at all levels and by any states, entities, or individuals.”

The Indiana Democratic Party condemned Braun’s original statements as “not only un-American, but beneath any respectable person wishing to hold public office.”

On Friday, Braun further clarified his stance on which issues should be decided by the states and which should be decided at the federal level.

“I think the issues like for instance abortion, Roe v. Wade, comes to the discussion on legalizing marijuana for either medicinal or recreational purposes, that should be in the states. Anything that’s got a broader concern of basic rights and so forth. That should be protected federally obviously,” said Braun.

Running for Indiana governor?

During Friday’s roundtable,

Braun pledged to only seek one more six-year term in the Senate. Braun said he was a big believer in federal term limits. At the state level, Gov. Eric Holcomb, who is serving his second term, is unable to run again in 2024.

Braun said he is asked “all the time” if he plans to run for governor in the future.

“A lot more recently because the fork in the road is coming up where I’ll have to make that decision in a year. It’s been an honor to represent Hoosiers and we’ve had a very active senate office,” said Braun. “People might be surprised why wouldn’t you want to do it for a second term? I pledged I wouldn’t do it more than two terms. I’m a big believer in term limits at the federal level, and I’ve got to put all the variables into play and my own time frame where I can be the most helpful and impactful for Hoosiers. And I’ll have to make a difficult decision sooner than you might think.”

FEC report

In November 2021, the Federal Election Commission (FEC) issued a draft final audit report of Braun’s 2018 campaign for his current Senate seat.

The report stated that, among other issues, there were apparent “prohibited” loans and lines of credit totaling \$8,549,405, including five loans and 11 lines of credit from financial institutions, totaling \$7,049,405, “that did not appear to be made in the ordinary course of business.”

The report stated that Braun’s campaign showed no guarantor or collateral offered to the financial institutions, nor did it give the financial institutions a pledge of future receipts or another method of assuring repayment. Braun’s campaign disagreed with this assessment.

The remaining \$1.5 million was from two checks from one corporation that was reported as loans. That corporation was Meyer Distributing, which Braun founded and ran before his campaign for Senate.

In response to the audit, Braun’s campaign blamed former treasurer Travis Kabrick for the financial errors, stating they had been

unable to locate him since 2018.

“Many of the misstatements of financial activity, failures to file and other issues identified in the Draft Final Audit Report are traceable to the harm suffered by the Committee because of its former treasurer’s failure to perform FEC accounting and reporting services properly. Therefore, prior to responding to each of Audit Division’s findings and recommendations, the Committee first wants to provide some background that not only led to the hiring of the Committee’s current treasurer, but also led to many of the findings detailed in the Draft Final Audit Report,” stated Braun’s campaign attorney Chris K. Gober. “In 2017, the Committee hired the former treasurer to serve as its treasurer because he was, at least ostensibly, an experienced FEC compliance professional who had worked for many federal candidate committees over many years. This former treasurer had represented that he was able and willing to do the accounting and reporting work he was hired and paid to do; however, as both the Committee and the Audit Division team are now aware, at some point during the 2018 election cycle this individual began making mistakes and failing to perform his services as warranted (and for which he was being paid). He ultimately vanished, and he has not been able to be located since the end of 2018. Following the former treasurer’s disappearance, the Committee quickly retained another individual to serve as treasurer. The new treasurer immediately began to uncover various accounting and reporting problems while attempting to prepare and file the Committee’s 2018 Year-End Report on short notice and with minimal documentation.”

Braun said there had been “movement” on the audit and that the final report would be issued soon.

“It hasn’t been publicly announced,” said Braun, on Friday. “They’ll make that announcement somewhere soon down the road. We were in perfectly good shape.”

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SYMPOSIUM

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begin at 6 p.m. followed by awards at 6:40 p.m. This event is free and open to the public.

Brown wanted to learn more about how HIV was treated after completing a research project and holistic care plan with an HIV patient during her sophomore year. Taking a medicinal chemistry course covering the basics of drug creation and testing compelled Brown to attempt to create her own potential HIV drug. In the summer of 2021, she received the Donald B. Miller Student Research Scholarship which she used to work on synthesizing potential drug structures.

After graduating this May, Brown will be attending medical school at the Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine at the University of Pikeville to become an osteopathic doctor.

Symposium schedule:

- Programs are available in Academic Center at 3:30 p.m.
- Rooms open for oral presentations in Academic Center at 3:30 p.m.
- Research presentations in Academic Center, from 3:55 to 4:15 p.m. and 4:20 to 4:40 p.m.
- Undergraduate, Graduate and Professional student poster presentations in the Switzer Center, from 4:45 to 5:55 p.m.
- Keynote presentation, from 6 to 6:30 p.m. in the Switzer Center.
- Awards, at 6:30 p.m. in the Switzer Center.

The Student Research Symposium is a showcase for undergraduate and graduate research across disciplines. The symposium was started by Dean Jo Young Switzer in 1999 to allow students and faculty to collaborate on research. Switzer was president from 2004 to 2014.

*Chloe Leckrone is an academic intern in communications and media relations.*

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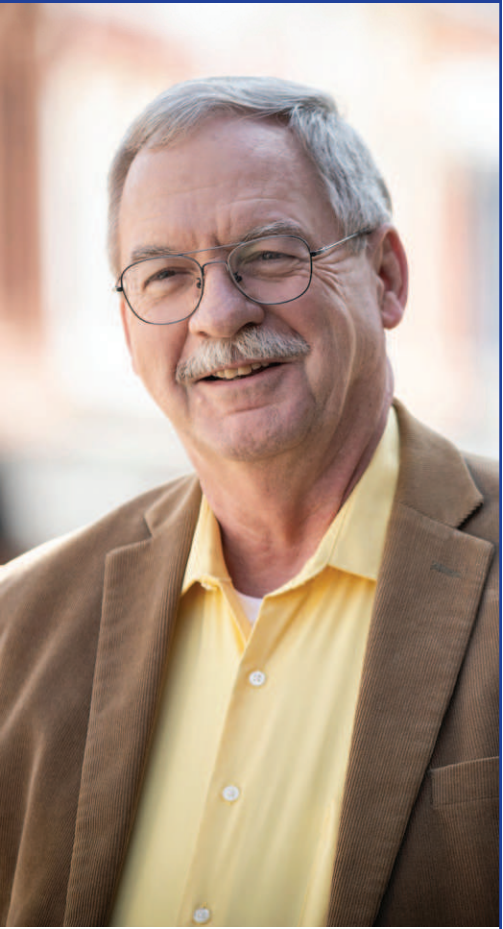
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